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Union Lodge, No. 6, A. O. U. W., meets every 2d and 4th Tuesday night in McWhorter's Hall.

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.

Volunteer Hose Company, meets first Friday night of each month in Hose House.

THE CHURCHES.

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Forest Presbyterian Church.—Rev. F. H. Moore, Pastor. Services held every Sabbath morning at 10.30 o'clock, and every Sabbath evening at 7.30. Sabbath School will be held every Sabbath morning at 9.15 o'clock, H. C. Ellison, Superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. Young People's Society Christian Endeavor meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Junior Society Christian Endeavor every Sunday after noon at 3 o'clock.

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PENINSULA NEWS.

A Narrow Escape From Asphyxiation by Coal Gas.

HELD UP AND ROBBED

Narrow Escape of Two School Teachers—Died From a Cat Bite—Foot Cut off at a Saw Mill—A Man Decapitated.

Princess Anne, Md., will issue bonds to provide for a fire department and sewerage system.

The dam at Rickett's Mill, near Elkton, Md., was washed away recently by a heavy rain fall.

Hon. William Jennings Bryan has been invited to lecture at Salisbury for the benefit of the Peninsula General Hospital of that place.

The school commissioners of Talbot county Md., have determined to inaugurate the kindergarten system in the public schools of that county.

William B. Hart, of Elkton, Md., has purchased the undertaking business of William T. Adkins, at Lewes. Mr. Hart took possession last Tuesday.

A census of the town of Snow Hill is soon to be taken by the pupils of the High School under the direction of the principal, Mr. Charles S. Richardson.

The town council of Denton, Md., propose to light that town with electricity shortly. The idea is to use the water-power two miles north of town to drive the dynamo.

Milford people are looking in wonder at the four-masted vessel being built there by William G. Abbott, the dimensions of which are the largest of its kind ever built in Delaware.

A wild boar, weighing 1,100 pounds, was recently killed by Andrew Slaughter, in Hill Point Marsh, Caroline county, Md. His tusks were six inches long, and he had been a terror to farmers and hunters for years.

At a meeting of representatives of agricultural and racing associations in Baltimore on Thursday, August 28th to 31st were decided upon for the Kent and Queen Anne Fair, at Tolchester. The fair at Easton was given the same dates.

Mr. William Gallagher, of Sassafras, and Miss Mary Haley, of Galena, Md., ware married in St. Denis Church, by Rev. Miles J. McManus, last week. Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher will make their future home in Sassafras. They were given a rousing serenade.

John Latchum, of near Milford, recently lost a pair of mules by death, that cost $300, and shortly before two other mules died. Last fall forty head of hogs died of cholera on Mr. Latchum's farm, and two years ago a rabid dog caused much devastation on his premises.

While Mrs. William Culveyhouse, of Dover, was hurriedly passing a cactus plant in her home the other day, she struck the plant and a thorn pierced her left eye. She was temporarily blinded, and has not yet recovered the sight; although her attending physician is encouraged as to her condition.

The sexton of Double Creek M. E. Church, in the upper part of Queen Anne's county, noticed in the cemetery adjoining the church a new-made grave, of which he had known nothing. To his surprise he found concealed in a raisin box the body of an infant with its skull crushed. The child is rumored to have met its death at the hands of a cruel father.

The clothing store of Joseph Nathan, at Dover, was robbed of over $500 worth of clothing last Wednesday night. The burglary was committed by four men who took the articles out the back way and hauled them away in a wagon. The same place was looted of over $200 worth of goods last fall, but most of the goods were recovered shortly afterwards.

The Board of Education of Milford, have issued a call for a public meeting to be held on March 16th, for the purpose of getting the feeling of the people in regard to building a new school building. A new building was to have been built some time ago and the contract for the same given out, but at that time public sentiment was so much against the matter that it was dropped.

Several days ago the 17-months-old child of Thomas H. Short, who lives on a farm near Gumboro, this State, was bitten by a pet cat. The child was eating a piece of bread and the cat in attempting to get it bit the boy's finger. As the cat was a pet and did not act at all strangely nothing was thought of the affair until the child's finger began swelling. A physician was summoned at once, but the poison had gone too far, and the child died within a few hours.

Samuel Reed, who lives near State Road, was held up and robbed of all his clothes by six negroes last Saturday night, and was then left naked with the thermometer a few degrees above zero. Reed had started from his home to visit his brother, John Reed, near Bear Station. He was nearing that place when he saw six colored men, armed with revolvers, who stopped him and made him give up everything of value he had, including even his underclothing. They were just gathering up their booty when the noise of an approaching wagon was heard. Mr. Reed shouted for assistance despite the threatening revolvers and the men escaped just as the wagon, of which Farmer John Proud was driver, arrived. Mr. Proud wrapped Reed in some blankets and took him to the home of Joseph McMullin nearby, where he was given some clothing and plied with stimulants as he was nearly frozen.

The State Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., will meet in annual session at Lewes next Wednesday, with about 200 members in attendance. Among other business, a report will be received from the state committee on the advisability of organizing a state funeral benefit association. At the present time membership is only held in the general association, and it is asserted that the death rate is much lower in proportion in this State than in any other.

James H. Hubbard, of Felton, shipped on Thursday to J. H. Coulbourn, Philadelphia, a fine calf, eight weeks and four days old that weighed 263 pounds, which netted him twenty dollars and seventy-five cents. So far as heard from this was the best return from the sale of any calf shipped from that place the past twelve months. It is doubtful if any farmer in Kent county can beat this weight and price taking the age into consideration.

A big hog at Keller Station, Md., was killed Tuesday. The guessing contest, which has been lively, was then ended and Mr. Mapp, the owner of the hog, found the guesses had netted him $131.20. There were 1,312 guesses made on the weight of the hog. Mr. I. T. J. Brown, of Princess Anne, Md., was the winner. His guess was 1,102½ lbs. The hog weighed 1,103 lbs. and 9 oz. Mr. Brown shipped his big porker to Princess Anne where it was exhibited as a great curiosity in hog fattening.

Miss Mary Smith and Miss Dora Anthony, of Elkton, both of whom are teachers in the public schools of Cecil county, had a narrow escape from being killed while crossing the tracks of the P., W. & B. R. R. at Northeast, last Saturday. The young women left there yesterday to visit friends at Bayview and were returning home when the accident occured. They were driving over the crossing at Northeast when their team was run into by a hand-car. They were thrown out and their team was partly demolished. Miss Smith escaped with only a few scratches, but Miss Anthony was severely injured. She was taken to Elkton. The horse was badly injured.

Franklin Jones, 28 years old, owner and manager of the steam saw mill located on Mr. L. T. Dishroon's farm near Snow Hill, Md., met with a serious injury while at work in his mill Wednesday morning. He was working about a running circular saw when he fell, and his right foot was thrown against the rapidly revolving saw and was almost cut off. Thomas Hawyard witnessed the accident and immediately went to the assistance of the injured man. As soon as it was ascertained he was so badly injured, he was taken to Snow Hill and Dr. Paul Jones dressed the wound, after which Mr. Jones was taken to Salisbury and placed in the hospital there for treatment.

William Peyton, aged 28 years, engineer of the shifting engine at the National Tube Works, New Castle, was decapitated by a train Saturday evening shortly before 6 o'clock at that city. He had not been working that day and some who saw him state that he had been drinking and attempted to board a moving freight train, when he missed his hold and fell headforemost. His head fell over the tracks and was cut off near his shoulders, his left leg was cut off and the right badly mangled. His death was instantaneous. The several portions of the man's body were picked up and taken to the freight house of the Delaware railroad, and were later removed to the house of his brother-in-law, John J. Powers, No. 105 North Jackson street, Wilmington.

Mr. Amos Wilson, a prominent citizen of the First election district of Cecil county, and his wife, who reside in Warwick, had a narrow escape from being asphyxiated by coal gas Tuesday night. Their bedroom is warmed by a drum heater in the room below, and on the night mentioned a quanity of the gas was thrown up into their room. Each was awake early in the morning and felt ill but refrained from calling the other thinking the illness would pass off. Mr. Wilson arose about his usual hour and managed to get down stairs where he succumbed to the illness. The family worked over him for some time before it occurred to them what was the matter. When they went to the room the atmosphere was blue with gas and Mrs. Wilson was lying unconscious on the bed. She remained in that condition nearly all day. She said she remembered going over to the register and falling unconscious but did not remember getting back to the bed, while Mr. Wilson could not remember how he got down stairs. Both have now recovered from their almost deadly experience.

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WASHINGTON LETTER

Nicaragua Canal Treaty is Rapidly Gaining Supporters.

BRYAN SEEKS SYMPATHY

This Country is Now a Two-Billion Dollar Country—The Porto Rican Duties May be Used for the Benefit of Those Islands.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14, 1900.

Senator-elect Bard, of California, is not widely known in Congress, outside of the California delegation, but Senator Perkins, whose judgment is relied upon by all who know him, says he has known Senator Bard for more than a quarter of a century, and that his solid qualities will make him a decided acquisition to the Senate.

Mr. Bryan came to Washington to seek some consolation from his followers in Congress for the frigid reception given him by the Democrats of New York City and New Jersey last week. He allowed it to become known that he is very distrustful of Tammany, fearing that under the guise of friendship, the Croker men are preparing to attempt to betray him in the National Convention.

Judge J. T. McDonald, of Salt Lake City, now in Washington, said of the effect in Utah of the shutting of Roberts out of the House: "I think that in the future, no polygamist will be elected to any Federal office, and I doubt if any polygamist will be elected to any office. The decision of the House was an earnest showing of the sentiment of the country and the conviction of the Government. I do not think there will be any more bucking against it."

Hon. Thomas B. Reed said a few years ago that this was a billion dollar country. To-day, it can be truthfully said that this is a two-billion dollar country. Last year, the foreign commerce of the United States exceeded two billion dollars in value, and the official treasury figures for the first week in February, 1900, show that, for the first time in our history, the amount of money in circulation in the country, exceeds two billion dollars. It will not be forgotten when the time comes for the people to vote again, in a national election, that it was a Republican Administration and a Republican Congress that first made it necessary to use ten figures to show the business condition of this, the most prosperous country on earth. This is a two-billion dollar country. Impress that colossal fact upon your mind.

Chairman Payne, of the House Ways and Means Committee, gave notice in presenting the majority report in favor of the Porto Rico Tariff Bill that the measure would be called up in the House on the 15th inst. The report claims that the quantity of Porto Rican sugar and tobacco sent to the United States—about four million pounds of tobacco, and about 45,000 tons of sugar—it is not large enough to affect prices, and that there is no good ground for the opposition to allowing the Porto Rican products to come in for 25 per cent. of the duty upon similar foreign products. The bill provides that all collections in the islands, both from duties and other sources, as well as the duties collected on Porto Rican products in the United States shall be used for the benefit of the island.

President McKinley and Secretary Hay are not more egotistical than other men, but they would be more than human if they did not enjoy the rapidity with which the Nicaragua Canal treaty is gaining supporters, as its foresight and wisdom is being recognized. Last week, when the treaty was first sent to the Senate, there was an outcry against it, because it provided for the neutrality of the Canal and pledged this government not to fortify either end of it. The lobbyists who, for one reason or another are opposed to the construction of the Nicaragua Canal, saw their opportunity and made the most of it, and for several days it really looked as though they would be able to create a sentiment against the treaty that might jeopardize its ratification by the Senate. With a few honorable exceptions, the Democratic Senators, who are wildly hunting for campaign material, have been and are acting as allies of the lobbyists, although themselves claiming to favor the construction of the canal. It now seems reasonable certain that the treaty will be ratified with votes to spare. In agreeing to making the canal neutral, the treaty advertises the fact that the United States aims to be the greatest commercial nation in the world, rather than a military bully among the nations, and that advertisement will add millions to our foreign commerce. President McKinley and Secretary Hay, in negotiating that treaty, recognized the fact that the United States has a navy and will always have one, strong enough to meet any enemies it may have, and that much more would be gained by assuring the world of the neutrality of the canal than could possibly be gained by fortifying it and reserving the right to close it against the ships of any nation with which we might be at war. In making the canal neutral, it will be under the joint protection of every marine power in the world—that protection will be assured by a formal treaty, later—and its safety from attack from any country with which we may be at war, made certain. If we reserved the right to close the canal to enemies, we should have to assert that right by force, which would be more costly than beneficial, from any point of view.

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Thomas Griffin, colored, aged 21 years, of Centreville, Md., was taken on Tuesday to the Maryland General Hospital, Baltimore, suffering from gangrene, resulting from exposure, and died soon after reaching the hospital. The young man's father, Charles Griffin, went with him and brought the body back home. Young Griffin, whose mind was affected wandered away from home on January 27 and was out in the bitter weather for three days and nights before his friends found him. When found his feet and legs were frozen up to the knees and later gangrene developed. Doctors Lumpkin, Hobb and Street tried to save his life, but he was unconscious and in a dying condition when he reached Baltimore.

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DELAWARE STATE FAIR.

The stockholders of the Delaware State Fair Association held their annual meeting at Dover February 7th, and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, George A. Millington; Secretary, A. N. Brown; Treasurer, John B. Wharton; Corresponding Secretary, Manlove Hayes; Marshal, D. M. Wilson; Executive Committee, George A. Millington, W. G. Postles, A. N. Brown, John B. Wharton and Louis Schabinger; Directors, Thomas Curry, Dr. E. S. Anderson, Hon. Ebe W. Tunnell, George M. Fisher, Nicholas Johnson, Jabez Jenkins, John B. Wharton, Manlove Hayes, F. B. Clark, J. F. Saulsbury, W. L. Cannon, W. H. Burnite, H. A. Richardson, Hon. R. R. Kenney, William Dickson, W. P. Cannon, R. L. Holliday, J. Colby Smith and E. H. Bancroft. The next fair will begin October 2d, and continue three days. The admission fee will be reduced to 25 cents. Every person attending the fair, even the officers, will be required to pay the admission fee. No tickets will be used; there will be stile gates at the entrances to the fair grounds, and the admission money will be paid there.

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ELKTON FAIR GROUNDS SOLD.

The Elkton fair grounds containing 26 acres of land, with improvements consisting of half-mile track, grand stand, judges' stand, Mitchell's Hall, stabling for several hundred horses, cattle sheds, etc., were sold at mortgage sale February 6th, to Colonel George R. Ash, editor of the Cecil Democrat for $8400. The passing of the Cecil County Fair, which in years past has attracted thousands of people together annually, is to be much regretted by the residents of Cecil County. The grounds were adapted for fair purposes, situated along the railroad, and contained a half-mile track. Here annually gathered together people from all parts of Cecil County and from Chester County, Pennsylvania and from Delaware. The people of the county were proud of their fair, which was at one time considered second to none in this part of the country.

TO FIRST VOTERS

There is a constitutional provision which will become operative before the next general election is held, of which the general public may not be aware, although it has been published in connection with the Constitutional Convention. It is an educational test. It is "that no person who becomes of age or who is naturalized after January 1st, 1900, shall be permitted to vote who shall not be able to read the Constitution in English, and be capable of writing his name."

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They were telling mining stories in the courthouse, and Dee Reese, the lawyer, asked:

"Did you ever hear of the lost lode of the Gore range?"

The other lawyers sitting around him said they had never heard of it and then waited for him to begin. Mr. Reese borrowed a fresh chew of tobacco and told this story:

"Hundreds of experienced and inexperienced miners as well have spent a great deal of time and money looking for the lost lode of the Gore range, and they are searching for it yet. This famous mine was found and lost in the fall of 1896. A party of men from Iowa visited Routt county, Colo., in the fall of 1896 on a hunting and fishing trip. The party made its headquarters at Steamboat Springs. In the latter part of October the party moved up and went into camp on Rock creek, in the Gore range of mountains, which runs through northern Colorado. One of the party was a druggist, who had gone on the trip for his health. He knew nothing of mining. He had been warned by an old miner before he left Iowa not to be fooled, as many a tenderfoot had been, by what is known as 'fool's gold,' or iron pyrites. So this druggist paid no attention to the rocks, but attended strictly to his hunting and fishing.

"One afternoon while hunting for deer he started a fine buck and fired at him and wounded him. The buck fell, but got up and ran before the druggist could get to him. Where he fell was a pool of blood, which showed that he was badly wounded. The hunter trailed him by the blood spots on the dead leaves and grass for a mile and there found where the buck had lain down and then rising had gone on again. In this way the chase continued until sundown, and then the hunter, who was exhausted, sat down on an outcropping ledge of rocks to rest.

"In the enthusiasm of the chase he had not noted which way he traveled, and he realized that he was lost in the heavily timbered mountains, with night coming on. He knew it would be useless to try and find the camp that night, so he gathered a pile of dead limbs and kindled a fire against the ledge of rocks and laid down with his feet to the blaze and prepared to sleep. While lying there he noticed the rocks sparkled in the firelight. He got up and examined it, supposing it was the 'fool's gold' he had been warned against. But the rock looked so pretty that he broke off several pieces and put them in the pocket of his hunting coat, intending to carry them back to Iowa with him as curiosities.

"The next day he wandered all the forenoon, and then found the Gore pass road over the range and followed it to the camp. That very afternoon a regular mountain snowstorm began, and the party broke camp, returned to Steamboat Springs and from there went east.

"The druggist, whose name I have forgotten, staid in Denver for a few days on his way to his home in Iowa. In the lobby of a hotel in Denver the talk drifted to mining, and the druggist mentioned the specimens of stone he had found and was taking home. An old miner never misses a chance to examine a specimen and in this group in the hotel lobby was an old prospector. He asked to be shown the specimens. The druggist went to his room, fished up the old hunting coat from the bottom of his trunk and took out the piece of stone. The miner examined it closely and exclaimed:

"'Man, that's the richest specimen of gold bearing quartz I have ever seen!'

"The druggist thought at first that he was being joked with, but at last the old miner induced him to take the specimens to Burlingame, the best assayer in Denver. Burlingame assayed a piece of the quartz and reported that it yielded gold at the rate of $17,000 to the ton. The druggist was not satisfied. He submitted another piece of the quartz to another expert assayer and got a report that it yielded gold at the rate of $15,000 to the ton.

"The druggist returned at once to Steamboat Springs, but there was snow in the mountains. He went back to Iowa and returned to the Gore range the next spring and has spent every summer since then looking for the lost lode, and others have searched for it, too, but no trace of it has been found."—Kansas City Star.

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The second Pennsylvania Railroad tour of the season to Jacksonville, allowing two weeks in Florida, will leave New York and Philadelphia February 20.

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REPUBLICAN State Convention!

HEADQUARTERS
REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE,
Wilmington, Del., Feb. 8, 1900.

A State Convention of the Republican Party of the State of Delaware will be held at Dover, Tuesday, February twenty-seventh A. D. 1900, at 11 o'clock, a. m., for the purpose of selecting six delegates to represent this State at the Republican National Convention to be held in the City of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, on Tuesday, the nineteenth day of June, 1900, which National Convention is to nominate candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States; and also for the purpose of electing twelve members of the State Committee, and for transacting such other business as may properly come before the Convention.

The Convention shall consist of one hundred and sixty (160) delegates apportioned among the several districts of the State as follows:

Forty (40) to be chosen from the 1st District.

Thirty-eight (38) to be chosen from the 2nd District.

Forty (40) to be chosen from the 3rd District.

Forty-two (42) to be chosen from the 4th District.

The said delegates shall be apportioned among the several sub-divisions of each District as heretofore.

The election of delegates shall be as follows:

On Saturday the twenty-fourth day of February, 1900, the Republican voters of the several subdivisions of the various districts shall assemble in meeting at such places and at such time of the day as shall be designated by the Chairman of the Committees of the respective districts.

The details for holding said elections shall be arranged by the Committees of the several districts.

The officers of said meeting shall make out a certificate of election in duplicate, one of which shall be delivered to delegates elected and the other mailed forthwith to the Secretary of the State Committee at Dover.

At the said election of delegates to the said Convention, Republicans only shall be allowed to vote.

HUGH C. BROWNE, Chairman.
WM. H. HEALD, Secretary.

HARMONY'S OPPORTUNITY.

The reply of the Republican Committee to the harmony letter from Chairman Allee, published in full in last week's TRANSCRIPT, has our most hearty endorsement. Any criticism would be that the answer was too long delayed. It contained truths which not one of Mr. Addicks' papers have attempted to refute. Indeed any denials they have made have been vague because they dare not present to their readers the charges in a formal manner lest the truth prevail against them.

What Committeemen Knowles and Townsend expected further from Mr. Allee's committee in the way of "harmony" does not appear. For four years past the only offers Mr. Allee has made have been "Addicks or nobody," and further overtures to his committee were useless, we think, hence we approve the full text of the Republican answer as voted for by all the committee save Messrs. Knowles and Townsend, they favoring delay and further overtures.

THE TRANSCRIPT does not endorse the haste in calling the State Convention, however. There is ample time before the National Convention, and the "leven" of the answer to Mr. Allee should have been given more time to do its work. Since the convention has been called, however, it is fortunate that the Union Republicans have called their convention at the same time and place. They went a step further, it is said, and engaged the only available hall of sufficient size in Dover for Convention Day, February 27th. This was "smart" and the laugh is on Chairman Browne.

Here is an opportunity. If the Republicans of the State of the two factions will do their duty at the primaries on February 24th, by sending men of the best judgment, honest harmonizers, as delegates to these conventions, with instructions directly from the people for union, honorable alike to the rank and file of all Republicans, then may the party be united at this time. It is not so much the offices which are to be filled at the election in November, as it is the power to legislate; the control of affairs. Of course the offices are desirable both because there are hundreds of good Republicans entitled to them and because they are the weapons of political warfare, a power for party good properly used. Conferences between the strongest men of both conventions certainly will open the way for re-union. Agreements may be made for recommendations for nominations both for State and county tickets. Of course positive pledges of nominations could not be given because these conventions are not authorized to make such nominations, but without shadow of doubt any mutually fair propositions would receive the endorsement of the people at their next primaries, and any politicians opposing because of personal disappointment, or otherwise, would receive the emphatic disapproval of all Republicans. The door to harmony and union, if not ajar, is unlocked and friendly knocking upon either side thereof must open it. THE TRANSCRIPT does not belong to the "want-to-win" merely for the sake of winning or for the offices, two reasons sufficient under certain circumstances, but looking at the possibility of certain men in the ranks of our political opponents coming into power, recalling the fact that Farlow and King and Clark have their representatives yet, we wish to escape that great evil. We have faith in the rank and file of Delaware Republicans. And, moreover, here is a sample of the Democratic newspaper of the State, representing an element that may well be kept in the minority. The paper said editorially on Saturday:

"The Regulars and Addicksites have determined to continue, as they are now, divided. That is good. Now the Democratic party will carry the State for Bryan. The Addicksites are growing weaker every month, and the Democratic party will carry the whole ticket. Young Houston, of Georgetown, says the Addicksites are about done for and this is their last thrust. What there is left of them will receive their death wounds the coming November."

If Democrats generally looked upon the relations of the factions among Delaware Republicans as does the Delaware Pilot then we should not feel that a great wrong had befallen the State simply because of the victory of political opponents. Men of any party holding honor and State pride before party victory or factional success, the latter often the most intense, may be trusted now or hereafter. William McKinley is the President of the whole people and Ebe W. Tunnell is my Governor, honored and respected as such, though I did not vote for him. The Pilot said last Saturday:

"We take off our hat to the Regulars for the honorable stand they have taken in their reply to the Union Republicans on the harmony propositions, and this not because of any advantage that may be expected in a political sense, but because in the reply are indications of better political conditions in the State, the development of a higher moral tone, and the uplifting of the conditions which now exist from their low estate to a better and more honorable plain. All good citizens must feel a satisfaction that honesty of purpose is not extinct."

Notwithstanding all THE TRANSCRIPT has said as to opportunity for harmony and unity at Dover, February 27th, if it is found that the Union Republicans are still under the influence of "Addicks or nobody," if one man is put before all party hopes, if only recognition at the National Convention is sought, then union is impossible, harmony is out of the question, and such a statement should be put into the hands of every voter in Delaware that shall forever settle the dispute. Defeat under such circumstances would be honorable. But assuredly the Republicans of Delaware have learned lessons that shall demand the sinking of individual preferences to party unity.

The first important question is the choice of delegates. Men of judgment not prejudice, men seeking the welfare of the State and party not those looking for office, should be chosen by both factions to make up those conventions. With such Republicans, and they may be found in every locality, the way to harmony may be opened whether or not so much shall be accomplished as has been outlined in THE TRANSCRIPT. Let the people speak and the voice of the "boss" be silent. This is the opportunity for harmony.

THE TWO CONVENTIONS.

As was expected, as soon as the time and place for the Republican State Convention was announced, the Union Republican Committee selected the same place, Dover, and the same time, Tuesday, February 27th, for their convention. The purpose is the naming of delegates to the National Convention in Philadelphia, on June 19th next. We are glad the conventions are so close together, close enough to harmonize, as we elsewhere set out more fully, but they are apparently forcing the season as to time.

The Republicans stand by the party apportionment of years, namely: one hundred and sixty delegates; forty from the 1st District, Wilmington; thirty-eight from the 2nd District, rural New Castle; forty from the 3rd District, Kent; forty-two from the 4th District, Sussex.

The Union Republicans have changed their apportionment from 200 to 185 delegates, without proper authority it would seem, but apparently "everything goes" in that organization. They give New Castle county 85 delegates instead of 78, Kent and Sussex each 50 instead of 60 each. They apportion five delegates to each Representative District in the State, excepting the Second and Third in Wilmington, which are to have each ten. This may be a movement towards party justice, so basely slighted May 12th, 1896, but it is without party authority, and with boss dictation which may be good in itself but leaves that nasty taste in the mouth.

UNION REPUBLICANS RECOGNIZED?

EDITOR NEWS AND ADVERTISER:

A special dispatch to the North American from Dover, states as per yesterday's issue, that at an enthusiastic meeting on the night of the 13th, it was formally announced that the recent call for a Union Republican State Convention on the 27th was made at the invitation of the Republican National Committee, and all this is headed as above.

Allow me to say that I have reason to believe that there is some mistake about this matter, and until better evidence is furnished I must continue to doubt its truth. According to the best light I have (and I have the best obtainable at present) the Union Republican party *as a party* will not be recognized by the National Committee or by the National Convention, and for the following reasons:

First.—The Union Republican party in its present status is regarded by the National Committee and by Republicans throughout the country simply as a personal outfit of J. Edward Addicks.

Second.—That J. Edward Addicks is not regarded by the National Committee nor by the National party as a trustworthy Republican.

Third.—The National Committee cannot afford to recognize the Union Republicans as a party, inasmuch as by so doing it would repudiate the Republican party of Delaware which has already been accepted and endorsed.

The above is my estimate of the present conditions, and I am convinced that no union of the parties in Delaware will ever take place with J. Edward Addicks as a factor. J. S. WILLIS.

[The above appears in the "News and Advertiser" of today. Of course the claim that the National Committee has stultified itself and the last National Convention is false—as are so many of the claims and assertions of the Addicks managers. They seek at Dover the means for asking National recognition. The tried and true Republicans among the Union delegates must first put party before the pretentions of one man—harmonious recognition will easily follow.—ED].

IN the Kentucky muddle Judge Taft decided the Federal Courts have not primary jurisdiction and Governor Taylor at once instituted suit in the State Courts which according to the rules holds precedent and he will probably be undisturbed in his office for months while the legal contests go on. John Igo, a Goebel leader, was shot dead this week, the parties concerned having been arrested. And the end is not yet. How near Delaware has come to such a condition of public affairs only the commendable habit of not carrying fire arms and the better control of passion among our citizens are to be credited.

THE New Castle County Republican Committee meets this afternoon to arrange for the election of delegates to the State Convention. It is presumed that meetings will be called in the districts, and where there are no contesting delegates choice will be made at those meetings, but should objections arise then selections must be made at primaries on Saturday next. The delegations should be made up of men of judgment, men of ideas, men ready to yield in minor matters for the general good but to hold to party principles and individual honor.

BY a vote of 46 to 29 the United States Senate on Thursday passed the financial bill making the gold dollar the standard value. An amendment was adopted making provision that nothing contained in the measure is intended to place any obstacle in the way of accomplishing international bimetalism

A TWELVE months ago not one man in fifty would have believed the Boers could have humiliated the British Army as they have in South Africa. This week the first permanent advantage to the English for weeks, if not for months, appears to have been gained. The cause has been the thorough preparation of the Boers who seemed to anticipate trouble, and they shoot straight. Here is a lesson for young men starting in life, merchants in conducting their business, for all; —thorough preparation.

ALL ABOUT A BICYCLE.

Caused Trouble Because of Misunderstanding About Payment for It.

Wilmington Sunday Star.

There was an interesting case heard before Magistrate Daley Saturday morning. It was that of Gilbert H. Hayden, of this city vs. E. W. Manlove, of near Middletown. The suit was instituted for the recovery of $16 50, being the price of a bicycle sold to Edward Moneymaker, colored, who was employed by Manlove. From the evidence produced at the hearing it appears that Hayden did not care about trusting the colored man as he prepared a note for which Manlove was to be the endorser. But Manlove refused to endorse the note and gave him a letter in which he agreed to stand good for the amount of money in his hands. Hayden sold the bicycle on Sunday, the lease was signed on Sunday and Moneymaker took the bicycle home.

During the following week, while Moneymaker was riding his wheel, he collided with a dog. There was a general mix-up of things for a time and and one of the wheels was broken. He sent the bicycle to Hayden who repaired it and delivered it. He then tried to collect Moneymaker's debt from Manlove on the plea that Manlove had promised to stand good for the wheel. Manlove denied that he did so and maintained that he guaranteed to stand for what money he held belonging to Moneymaker. Judgment in favor of the defendent was given.

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Mrs. Cornelia J. Hall, wife of the late Squire Hall, of Townsend, died in Wilmington last Saturday, after a lingering illness. Interment was made on Tuesday in Lombardy cemetery, that city.

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The funeral of Miss Mary Robinson, who committed suicide in Wilmington last week by shooting herself in the heart, took place Tuesday afternoon. It was largely attended by her sorrowing friends and relatives. Numerous floral offerings were received, among which was one from Frank Matthewson, a young man of Wilmington, to whom Miss Robinson was to have been married the day after her funeral. Brooding over an incurable disease was the cause of her rash act.

An Enormous Sale.

"In His Steps," the story by Rev Charles M. Sheldon, now running on fourth page of TRANSCRIPT, has sold in literal millions, 3,000,000 copies having been sold in this country alone. "East Lynne" reached a sale of less than half a million. "Three Men in a Boat," a very popular book, reached a circulation of 160,000. "Besides the Bonnie Brier Bush" reached 90,000. Three of Sheldons books reached a circulation in England (in less than three weeks) of 900,000 copies.

Philadelphia's Big Clock.

The clock on the Philadelphia city hall is the highest in the world. It has the largest dials. If the dials were out of the way and tracks were laid, two trains could pass each other running through the holes. The glass in the four faces is fastened there by a ton of cement. The glass, if laid on the ground, would make a walk a square long and ten feet wide. The minute hand will finish each year's journey by completing a 110 mile trip. It is expected that this minute hand will travel 110 miles annually for many years to come. The clock is strong, and the minute hand is phosphor bronze and weighs 250 pounds.

Where Hope Lingered.

Negroes are unconsciously humorous. The other day two roustabouts were overheard talking. They met on the levee after one had been absent from the city for several weks.

"Hello, Bill; how is yer?" said the first.

"Well," was the reply. "de doctors is give me up, but de police ain't."—Memphis Scimitar.

Playing Poker by Wire.

Few outside the brotherhood of the key are aware that operators often play poker over the wire. It is, nevertheless, a fact, and the diversion is fairly common.

"When I was working on the Blankety-blank line at a little railroad station in Illinois," said an ex-operator the other day, "business was very slack toward early morning, and we used to get up a four handed game regularly. The players were myself and three other operators at different points along the line. We would call each other up, and then every man would deal himself a hand, making his discards and 'helping' as desired. Of course, we had to trust to mutual honor as to cheating, but I think everybody was on the square. All played freeze out, and the loser had to treat when we got together at headquarters, which was about once a month. I must confess that the action was a little slow, but the game was more exciting than one might imagine. Almost all the old operators have played cards by telegraph at some time or another." — Chicago Chronicle.

Don't Be Selfish.

Don't live for yourself, and do not be afraid of diminishing your own happiness by promoting that of others. He who labors wholly for the benefit of others, and, as it were, forgets himself, is far happier than the man who makes himself the sole object of all his affections and exertions.

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But we can't—promised not to. Things like this do not happen without loss or failure to someone; and we are not at liberty to tell you whose loss or failure it is.

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"'What salary do you want?' asked the manager.

"'Eight hundred dollars a night,' replied Dan.

"'Tell you what I'll do,' said the manager.

"'Well, speak quick,' returned Dan. 'I'm losing time.'

"'I'll give you $4 a week.'

"'All right,' said Dan. 'It's a go.'"—Atlanta Journal.

Strength of Insects.

If man were to emulate the common flea, a jump over the dome of St Paul's would be a trifle to him. If he were as strong as the common horn beetle, he would be able to pick up and carry away two railroad trucks, each loaded with five tons of coal. If he could build like the African termites, quite an ordinary house would overlook the top of Ben Nevis. If he could run as rapidly as one of the small hunting spiders, he could spring a quarter of a mile without trouble and run at the rate of 24 miles a minute!—London Standard.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN!

THIS IS TO CERTIFY TO ALL TO whom these presents may come. That we, Robert S. Baird, of the City of Wilmington and State of Delaware, and James C. McComb, of Brandywine hundred, New Castle county and State of Delaware, have this day entered into a limited partnership for the purpose of carrying on the trade and business of manufacturing and dealing in morocco and other leathers, and all things thereunto belonging or appertaining, under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware, upon the terms hereinafter set forth.

The said partnership is to be conducted under the partnership name of Charles Baird and Company and the general object of the partnership is to carry on the trade and business of manufacturing and dealing in morocco and other leathers, and all things thereunto belonging or appertaining.

The names and residences of the said partners are as follows: The general partner of the said firm is Robert S. Baird, living in the city of Wilmington, New Castle county and State of Delaware, and the special partner is James C. McComb, of Brandywine hundred, New Castle county and State of Delaware.

That the said James C. McComb, the special partner, has contributed the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars to the common stock of the said partnership.

That the said partnership is to commence on the sixteenth day of November, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, and is to end on the first day of December, A. D., ninete n hundred.

In Witness Whereof, We have hereunto set our hands and seals, at the City of Wilmington and State of Delaware, this sixteenth day of November, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

ROBT. S. BAIRD [Seal.]
JAMES C McCOMB [Seal.]

Signed, Sealed and and Delivered in the presence of Lewis Sasse.

STATE OF DELAWARE, NEW CASTLE COUNTY, } ss.:

Be it Remembered, That on this sixteenth day of November, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, personally came before me, Lewis Sasse, a Justice of the Peace for New Castle county and State of Delaware, Robert S. Baird and James C. McComb, parties to the foregoing Certificate, known to me personally to be such, and severally acknowledged that they signed and sealed the said Certificate for the purposes therein set forth, and that the same is their, and each of their, act and deed

Given under my hand and seal the day and year last aforesaid.

LEWIS SASSE, [Seal.]
Justice of the Peace.

REGISTER'S ORDER.

REGISTER'S OFFICE,
NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL.,
November, 29th, 1899.

Upon the application of Annie C. Taylor and Martin B. Burris, Administrators of William Taylor late of St, George's Hundred in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register that the Administrators aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters of Administration upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the Middletown TRANSCRIPT a newspaper published in Middletown, Del., and to be continued therein two months.

Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written

SEAL

CALVIN. W. CROSSAN, Register.

NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned, on the twenty ninth day of November A. D. 1899, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested, to the said Administrators, on or before the twenty-ninth day of November 1900, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

ANNIE C. TAYLOR,
MARTIN B. BURRIS,
Address, Middletown, Delaware. Administrators.

NOTICE!

Dissolution of Partnership.

The partnership heretofore existing between James U. G. Reynolds and Milton W. Copp, under the firm name of Reynolds & Copp, Middletown, Del., has been dissolved by mutual consent. I hereby give notice that I assume payment of all debts of Reynolds & Copp, and am entitled to receive all sums due said firm. I will continue said business as heretofore under the name of James U. G. Reynolds. (Signed)

JAMES U. G. REYNOLDS.

AGENTS WANTED—FOR "THE LIFE AND Achievements of Admiral Dewey," the world's greatest naval hero. By Murat Halstead, the life-long friend and admirer of the nation's idol. Biggest and best book: over 500 pages, 8 x10 inches; nearly 100 pages halftone illustrations. Only $1.50. Enormous demand. Big commissions. Outfit free. Chance of a lifetime. Write quick. The Dominion Company, 3rd Floor Caxton Bldg., Chicago.

The Middletown Transcript

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., FEB. 17, 1900.

Local News.

THREE GOOD FARMS for sale. Apply to WM. R. REYNOLDS.

Several citizens of Warwick enjoyed a fox hunt in that vicintiy yesterday afternoon.

DR. W. E. BARNARD, Surgeon Dentist, office Southeast corner of Main and Scott streets.

Dr. J. C. Stites, Dentist, office, Pennington Building, opposite Messick's store. Painless extraction. Gas administered and Ostunder used.

A COLORED MAN DEAD. — Phil. Rhodes, colored, aged 45 years, died of pneumonia on Tuesday at "Hamtown," and was buried in Forest colored cemetery on Thursday by Undertaker J. H. Emerson.

TO BE ORGANIZED.—The ladies of the Century Club propose to organize an Auxiliary for the Delaware Hospital and a meeting for that purpose will be held at their rooms next Wednesday at 3 oclock, p. m.

BEING PAINTED. — Improvements have been commenced on the building in which Messick's stores are located. The painters brush is now being applied and other necessary improvements are also contemplated.

DR. VAUGHN'S ESTATE.—Registar of Wills Crossan last Wednesday granted to Edward M. Vaughn letters testamentary on the estate of the late Dr. Horace M. Vaughn. The estate is said to be valued at about $20,000.

A LARGE SHIPMENT.—Thursday's shipment of calves from the Middletown station was a very large one. There were about thirty calves besides the speep and the calf pen was hardly large enough to hold them. The shipments have been large for several weeks and is still on the increase.

CHANGE AMONG Farmers.—Michael Keegan will remove to-day from the Green farm near the edge of town to Cochran farm near Murphy's mill. Mr. Clendaniel, who occupied the latter farm moving to a farm near Kennedyville. Dr. Cecil Green will occupy the farm vacated by Mr. Keegan.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY.—In order to allow the pupils attending the public school in this town to attend the afternoon session of the all-day meeting at Bethesda M. E. Church Thursday, the school authorities had the school dismissed at 2 o'clock. Most of the children attended the meeting and much good was done thereby.

NARROW ESCAPE.—Last Tuesday morning while Frank L. Cates, of this town, and FRANK REYNOLDS, of Odessa, were at a public sale near Newark, the floor of the building in which the sale was being held gave way precipitating the whole crowd to a cellar nine feet below. There were several people injured in the accident but the two above named gentlemen escaped.

CHANGEABLE WEATHER.—During the past week this section has had quite a variety of weather—rain, snow, wind and sunshine. The week started in with a heavy rain and wind storm lasting two days after which the sun visited Middletown Wednesday and Thursday. Friday we had a snow storm all day and from all appearances the week will end as it began—with rain.

STOLE TOMATOES—John Price, Samuel Bell, Benjamin White and Benjamin Adams, colored youths between the ages of 15 and 20 years, were arrested at Townsend, on Wednesday by Constable Van Horn, charged with stealing three cases of canned tomatoes from William Jenkins' cannery. They were taken before Justice of the Peace Bratton and committed to jail in default of $200 bail.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS.—The following list of letters for the week ending Feb. 8, remain in the post-office of this town. Persons claiming the same will please say they were advertised and give date of the list. Miss H. L. Green, Miss Jane Henery, Mrs. Lott Merrill, (Postal card), Mrs. Elozzie Redden, W. T. Leeves, Vincent Pratt, David Sanders, (Postal card returned to writer), Conductor Ex. Station.

CASE DISMISSED.—Sidney Cosden, a colored man living at Bohemia Manar, had a warrant issued before Justice of the Peace William R. Reynolds for the arrest of Eugene King, also colored, for stealing two traps. The affair took place just this side of the Maryland line. The trial was held last Monday afternoon and after hearing the evidence that was produced 'Squire Reynolds deemed it insufficient to hold the accused and he thereby dismissed the case.

GONE TO OHIO.—Evangelist H. G. Scudday, who for several weeks has been assisting the pastor of Bethesda M. E. Church in revival meetings, left yesterday for his home in Ohio. These meetings have attracted unusual interest, not only among Bethesda's members but those of other churches and the public. There have been day meetings, three all-day services, as well as the evening meetings. Rev. Alfred Smith and Presiding Elder Cochran assisted at the Thursday meetings this week. Rev. E. W. Caswell, the pastor, will continue the services until further notice.

THE CENTURY CLUB.—The inclement weather caused only a fair attendance at the meeting of the New Century Club last Monday afternoon. However and interesting meeting was held. Roll call was responded to with current events. An account of the "Civil War and its causes were given by Miss Laura Willets, after which the lives of "The Leaders of the South" was given by Miss Josephine Biggs. After the above Mrs. W. B. Biggs and Miss Lydia Cochran rendered pleasant piano solos. Next week's program is as follows: "Abraham Lincoln," Miss Annie Derrickson; "Edgar Allen Poe, by Miss Agnes Cochran, Quotations from Poe.

If you want A GOOD FARM see me.—WM. R. REYNOLDS.

Dr. J. M. R. White, of Wilmington, will be at the residence of Mrs. Margaret Clayton every Thursday.

FOR RENT.—One Stable and Carriage House on Scott street. Apply to MRS. B. T. BIGGS, Middletown, Del.

Several of our citizens drove to Buck's Bridge last Thursday night where they attended a festival given there by the Heptasophs of that place.

FREIGHT HOUSE IMPROVED.—Owing to its rotten condition the back part of the roof on the freight house is being replaced with new material. Several other necessary improvements are being made on the building.

TO LIGHT WITH ELECTRICITY.—Theodore Whitlock will shortly commence wiring the new office to be occupied by Justice of the Peace William R. Reynolds, on South Broad street, so that electric lights can be used. The building will be ready for occupancy March 25th.

JURY DISAGREED.—The jury in the Superior Court in the case of Alexander Maxwell vs. Charles DeValinger disagreed on Wednesday, and it was discharged. Maxwell sought to recover $400, the alleged balance on the sale of the National Hotel of this town. The jury is said to have stood 9 to 3 in favor of the plaintiff.

DID YOU GET ONE?—Last Wednesday being St. Valentine's Day the mails were heavier than usual. It was amusing at recess time at the public school to see some of the children rush ot the post office to see if their friends remembered them. Some of them received real pretty ones but a person could tell the ones that were either disappointed or recieved a comic one by their expressions on leaving the post office.

NEW MARBLE YARD.—Albert E. Card, a stone-cutter of Wilmington, is considering the idea of starting a marble yard in this town. Mr. Card was here during the past week and after canvassing he town, thinks there are bright prospects for a place of that kind. The one story building opposite the National Hotel, owned by Mrs. W. A. Comegys, was the stand selected by him if he comes here, which may be about the first of April.

TOWN ELECTION.—Bills calling attention to the annual town election were posted around town yesterday. The election will be held in the office of Justice of the Peace William R. Reynolds, on Monday, March 5th. The polls will open 1 o'clock and close at 4 o'clock, p. m. The election is held for the purpose of electing two Town Commissioners to serve for two years, a Town Treasurer, Assessor and an Alderman to serve for one year respectively.

AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered in Forest Presbyterian Church by the pastor, Rev. F. H. Moore, on Sunday, March 4th. Next week there will be special services held every evening except Saturday and on Saturday afternoon at 2,30 o'clock the pastor will hold young peoples classes for religious instruction, conference and decision. The pastor invites you all to attend these services.

JR. O. U. A. M. DELEGATES.—Messrs. Joseph H. Suydam, James Burrows and W. Edgar Johnson will represent Middletown council, No. 2, at the State convention of the Jr. O. U. A. M., to be held at Lewes next Tuesday. National Representative Merrit N. Willitts and Past State Commander Edward S. Jones will also attend the convention. The party will leave on the 5.18 p. m. train Monday. The convention will last about two days and much important business will be transacted during that time.

ADAM DAYETT DEAD.—The venerable Adam Dayett, who in September celebrated the sixty-eight anniversary of his wedding, died on Wednesday at the old Pencader home, aged 91 years. Mr. Dayett cast his first Presidential vote in 1832 for the Whig candidate and his last for President McKinley. He has held several positions of trust. His wife, who was Miss Eliza Hendrickson, and three sons, J. T. Dayett, Nathan Dayett, John W. Dayett and one daughter, Mrs. William T. Tull, survive him. Mr. Dayett has for over seventy years been a faithfull member of the M. E. Church.

DEATH OF MRS. TAYLOR.—Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Messick were called to Dover this week by the death of Mrs. Messick's mother, Mrs. Margaret A. Taylor, the widow of Mr. William Taylor, who for years resided at Downs' Chapel. Mrs. Taylor was a most estimable Christian, enjoying the religion which she professed and sharing its sunshine with others. In her visits to her daughter here she made many friends who will be grieved at her death. Mrs. Taylor died on Saturday and her funral was held Monday afternoon, Rev. Alfred Smith, D. D., officiating. Interment was made in the old M. E. Cemetery.

THE FRANK DAVIDSON CO.—The three entertainments by the above company at the Opera House the first three nights of this week were attended by fair audiences. The rain and wind storm the first two nights kept many away, and there is no doubt but what the crowds would have been larger bad the weather been more favorable. The company presented its repertorie of plays in a first-class manner, its rendition of "Old Farmer Hopkins" being exceptionally fine. Several of the characters were well played and the singing and dancing of Miss Helen McCabe was above the average. Mr. Davidson said he was well pleased with the treatment accorded his company in Middletown, considering the weather, and when he returns says his company will be better than ever. They left this town Thursday morning for Easton Md., where they play the balance of the week and from there go to Salisbury, Md., to fill a three-nights engagement.

BEING PAINTED.—The new passenger shed opposite the depot is now being painted. It will be colored pea green trimmed with red on the outside and the inside will be a shade of yellow.

SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.—The pupils of Sassafras Public School will give an entertainment and lunch social in the Town Hall at that place on Thursday evening, Feb. 22. The proceeds will be for the benfiet of the school.

THE POOL TOURNAMENT.

The following scores have been made by the several contestants at the pool tournament now being held at the Volunteer Hose House: Friday evening—Herman Cochran, 100; William H. Brady, 70. Saturday evening—J. Gray Taylor, 95; Lindsay Cochran, 66. Monday evening, First Game—J. E. Ginn, 95; Norman P. Crouch, 77. Second Game—Joseph C. Jolls, 90; Frank Lewis, 58. Tuesday evening—J. E. Ginn, 95; Harry Beasten, 82. Wednesday evening — William H. Brady, 75; Lindsay Cochran, 27, Thursday evening.—Dr. J. C. Stites, 100; John W. Jolls, 77. Last evening—William H. Brady, 75; Joseph C. Jolls, 83. Mr. Jolls allowed Mr. Brady 25 points which makes his score 100.

PERCENTAGE OF PLAYERS.

The following table shows the standing of the contestants up to Friday night:

	Handicap.	Won.	Lost.	Per ct.
Herman Cochran	100	2	0	100
J. E. Ginn	95	3	1	75
H. S. Beasten	95	2	1	67
W. H. Brady	75	2	1	67
J. A. Jolls	100	2	1	67
Dr. J. C. Stites.	100	2	1	67
H. H. Hall.	65	1	1	50
J. C. Jolls	90	1	1	50
F. A. Lewis	75	1	1	50
J. G. Taylor	90	1	1	50
F. S. Clayton	100	0	2	00
G. L. Cochran	75	0	2	00
N. P. Crouch	90	0	2	00
W. A. Hukill, Jr.	75	0	2	00

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

W. S. Leatherbury spent Tuesday in Philadelphia.

Rev. F. H. Moore spent the past week in Philadelphia.

Miss Sybilla Jones spent Sunday with friends at Seaford.

Miss Sophia Schriver, visited Miss Heller, at Odessa, last Sunday.

Mrs. Theodore Kumple and son are visiting her parents in Philadelphia.

Frank Davidson, of Wilmington, paid a pleasant call to this office on Tuesday.

Mr. Norman P. Crouch has gone to Atlantic City where he has secured a position.

Miss Kate W. Darlington is visiting her, brother, Samuel Darlington, in Wilmington.

Mrs. Rebecca A. Emerson, of Wilmington, is the guest of her son, Mr. Jacob H. Emerson.

Mr. Harry McDonald, of New York, spent Sunday with his aunt, Mrs. Margaret J. Darlington.

Miss Maud Smith has returned from Delaware City accompanied by Miss Blanch Armstrong.

Miss Margaret Arthurs, of Kenton, has returned to her home after a protracted stay with relatives in this town,

Mrs. W. F. Collins and Mrs. W. A. Carey, of Cheswold, spent Monday as guests of their brother, Dr. Barnard, of this town.

Mrs. Matilda Hurlock and grandson Samuel H. Ranson were in Wilmington last Wednesday to see Mr. J. H. Ranson, who is ill.

A very pretty wedding in which many Middletown people are especially interested, since both the bride and groom have numerous relatives here and are favorites among the young people, took place at the home of the bride in Wilmington Thursday evening, Miss Mary Vail Appleton and Mr. Henry Jones Ellison, being the participants. Among the guests from here were: Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Ellison, parents of the groom; Misses Annie and Susie Ellison, Mt. Pleasant; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Emerson, Mr and Mrs. J. B. Bratton, Mr. and Miss Jones, Miss May Holten. Rev. W. L. S. Murray performed the ceremony.

ODESSA NOTES

Miss Lucy Rhodes was the guest of Middletown friends Sunday.

Miss Norah Armstrong was the guest of Mrs. Sallie Hyatt for several days last week

Miss Frances Aspril spent Saturday and Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. Emory Hukill, of Midletown.

Miss May C. Enos was the guest of her uncle, Dr. T. A. Enos, of Townsend, Monday of this week.

Mrs. Lydia Foard, who has been with her mother for several weeks, returned to her home in Newark, N. J., Wednesday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Morris is in Middletown keeping house for Mrs. Emory Hukill while Mr. and Mrs. Hukill are at Atlantic City.

Workman are busy painting, cleaning and otherwise preparing the Steamer Clio for her initial trip of the season which will be on March 1st.

The Junior Epworth League expect to give an entertainment on the evening of Washington Birthday followed by a social given by the Senior League.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Corbit and Mr. and Mrs. William Curtis were in St. Augustine, Florida, when last heard from. They expect to sail for Havana, Cuba, Feb. 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gremminger's oldest daughter, Mollie, who has been living in California for several years, returned home this week. She expects to remain East for several months.

The ladies' Aid met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Aspril on Thursday evening. After the business meeting was over the entertainment committee furnished great amusement by their shadow pictures. Abundant refreshments were served and a most delightful evening was enjoyed by all.

About eighteen of St. Paul's Chapter of the Epworth League attended the Sub-District Convention held in Townsend church, Wednesday, Feb. 14. Five Juniors attended, taking part in the Junior Exercises in the afternoon, which were very enjoyable. The whole day was one of great enjoyment and spiritual uplift to all present.

A Narrow Escape.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Groton, S. D. "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs, cough set in and finally terminated in Consumption. Four Doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Savior, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I gave it a trial; took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God, I am saved and now a well and healthy woman." Trial bottles free at Vaughan's Pharmacy. Regular size 50c. and $1.00. Guaranteed or price refunded.

A NEW INDUSTRY.

The Heintz Pickling Co., of Pittsburg, Pa., May Locate a Plant Here.

In pursuance to a letter received by George W. W. Naudain several days ago, that gentleman in conjunction with Messrs. J. C. Jolls, W. S. Letherbury and F. C. West, issued a call for a citizens' meeting to be held in the office of A. G. Cox at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

At the appointed hour the following gentlemen were present: Joseph Biggs, F. C. West, H. L. Davis, Julian Cochran, George D. Kelley, J. T. Shallcross, George W. Ingram, George H. Kohl, S. H. Duryea, N. J. Williams, W. Pierce Biggs, Dr. C. H. Green, Jos. C. Jolls, Victor Kohl, Frederick Brady, W. S. Letherbury, George W. W. Naudain and Harry Jones.

After the meeting was called to order Mr. Joseph Biggs was made chairman and Mr. F. C. West secretary, after which Mr. Naudain presented the following letter which was read by the secretary:

PITTSBURG, PA., Feb. 8th, 1900.

G. W. W. NAUDAIN,
Middletown, Del.,

DEAR SIR:—

Replying to your esteemed favor of Jan. 7th, we intend to locate several pickel salting houses for the coming season and will consider a proposition from you at your earliest convenience. Please inform us as to the nature of the soil within a radius of six miles, taking your town as the center. Also inform us as to the size of the farms and the nationality of the farmers, would the latter interest themselves in the growing of such products as we need for our business together with cucumbers for pickels the first season?

A pickle salting house requires a site lying alongside a railroad siding. Said site should contain from two to three acres of ground and should be provided with good drainage, also have good wagon road-way. The building is a one story, frame structure, in size, not less than 100x150. This building will take care of the product of two thousand acres of pickels.

Where we have salting houses located we make contracts as we need. This distributes a large sum of money every season, which is invariably spent in the town in which the salting house is located. The business derive a revenue from this which you will readily see is a profitable one.

We have many substantial inducements offered us for the privelege of having one of our plants and if all conditions are favorable we enter into negotiations to the end that we locate where it will be mutually satisfactory and profitable.

If you have any substantial inducements to offer us we shall be pleased to hear from you at your earliest convenience. We suggest that a committee of your citizens visit us at our main plant in Pittsburg, where we can then get into details, explaining fully what our business is and heard from you what your advantages are.

Thanking you for your consideration and kindness, we remain,

Yours truly,
H. J. HEINZ CO.

After the reading of the letter a general talk was had on the advantage of a plant of that kind here in Middletown which lasted over half an hour, after which on motion of Mr. W. S. Letherbury the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed to visit H. J. Heintz Co., at Pittsburg, Pa., and ascertain what inducements they want to locate a salting house in Middletown, and to learn all that can be learned and give the Heintz Co. all the desired information in regards to Middletown and to report at another meeting to be held after their return.

The chairman appointed Messrs. George W. W. Naudain and Frederick Brady on the committee, after which another motion was made to make the committee consist of three and Mr. Victor E. Kohl was added. The meeting then adjourned.

Money is now being collected throughout Middletown for to pay the expenses of the committee on the trip. They will leave Monday morning and return Wednesday evening.

As this or any industry of its kind will bring a lot of new business it is hoped the place will be located here. A proper building could be erected at the railroad and several people could secure employment about six months in the year, which, besides the money the farmers would receive for raising the vegetables that would be required to supply the place, would be quite an item.

Deafness Cannot be Cured,

by local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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Public Sales.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY, 28th.—Public Sale of horses, mules, cattle, farm implements, &c., by Thomas Lattomus, on the "Collier Farm," on the road leading from Dexter's Corner to Green Spring, Del.

Friday, March 9th, 1900.—Public sale of stock, farm implements, etc., by Joseph Edwards, at his residence, on the old Boulden Farm between Pivot Bridge and Summit Bridge.

Many School Children are Sickly.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, used by Mother Gray, a nurse in Children's Home, New York. break up Colds in 24 hours, cure Feverishness, Headache, Stomach Troubles, Teething Disorders, and Destroy Worms. At all Druggists, 25c Sample mailed FREE. Address, Allen Olmsted, LeRoy, N Y.

Clayton citizens are agitating a movement in favor of an electric light and water plant to supply the town. They see the need of a town water supply, not for drinking purposes so much as a protection against fire, and the idea has been suggested that Casperson's millpond, just outside of town, would be sufficient to meet the wants, should a power house to pump it to town be erected.

LATE PENINSULA NEWS.

The "Life and Character of the Late Hon. Thomas F. Bayard" will be the subject of an address to be delivered by Hon. Henry C. Conrad before the Sons of Delaware of Philadelphia, or Tuesday evening, February 27th.

David L. Sloan, senior member of the firm of D. L. Sloan & Son, marble cutters, died at his home on Stockton street, Elkton, Md., Tuesday morning after several weeks' illness, aged 65 years He moved to Elkton 33 years ago.

John H. Smith, aged 26 years, of Hollandsville, was found dead on Tuesday morning at a well, to which he had gone after water. Since boyhood, when he was taken from an orphanage, he had resided with Secretary of State Hughes' aunt.

William Collins, of Smyrna, has been so unfortunate as to lose three valuable horses the past week. Their death has been attributed, as was the case with a number of horses in the lower part of New Castle county recently, from eating wheat straw, and probably hard driving afterwards, but Dr. Kuhns, of Dover, pronounced the cause of death spinal meningitis.

A swindler, representing himself to be a census enumerator, has been operating in the neighborhood of Dover. A few days ago, he visited a farmer near Leipsic, and, after questioning him, induced him to sign a paper, which the farmer supposed contained the questions that had been asked. Subsequently, the farmer was compelled to pay $40, for "books that he had ordered."

Miss Helen W. Wormley, daughter of W. H. A. Wormley, of Elkton, Md., and A. George Anderson, of this State, were quietly married at the bride's home on Saturday afternoon. The Rev. Mr. Rivers of Berean Baptist Church, Washington, officiated. During the wedding dinner a lace curtain in the drawing-room adjoining the dining-room was ignited from a banquet lamp, and in an instant was in a blaze. The guests rushed in from the dining-room, and for a while consternation prevailed. The blazing curtain was torn down and the fire extinguished after the walls had been scorched and several valuable pictures damaged.

Bids for a Work-house.

At a meeting of the trustees of the New Castle county work-house on Tuesday the plans and specifications for the proposed work-house buildings were approved. Proposals are now being advertised for, and they will be opened on March 6, when the contract may be awarded. There will be two buildings—the institution proper and the power house. The first story of the work-house will be of stone, while the second will be of brick. The power house will be erected along the creek and will be of stone, to be quarried from the property bought by the trustees. The power house will be connected with the work-house by an underground passage way.

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In Memoriam.

J. Frank Lucas, aged 9 years, son of William T. and Alice M. Lucas, passed away February 2d, at the residence of his parents near Mt. Pleasant. After the funeral services Sunday afternoon, Feb. 4th, at his late home, interment was had at St. Francis Xavier Cemetery, Bohemia Manor, Md.

I miss thee from our home, dear Frank,
I miss thee from thy place,
A shadow o'er my life is cast,
I miss the sunshine of thy face.
I miss thy kind and loving hand,
Thy fond and earnest care,
Our home is dark without thee,
I miss thee everywhere.

—MOTHER.

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PUBLIC SALE!

The undersigned intending to discontinue farming will sell at Public Sale, at his residence, on the old "Bouiden Farm," about one mile from Pivot Bridge and two and one-half miles from Summit Bridge, on the property of J. B. Foard, adjoining Shaw Bros. farm,

FRIDAY, MARCH 9th,

Beginning at 10 o'clock, A. M.,

The following Personal Property, to-wit:

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IN HIS STEPS.

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CHAPTER XI.

Righteousness shall go before him and shall set us in the way of his steps.

The bishop was not in the habit of carrying much money with him, and the man with the stake, who was searching him, uttered an oath at the small amount of change he found. As he uttered it the man with the pistol savagely said: "Jerk out his watch! We might as well get all we can out of the job."

The man with the stake was on the point of laying hold of the chain when there was the sound of footsteps coming toward them.

"Get behind the fence! We haven't half searched him yet. Mind you keep shut now if you don't want"—

The man with the pistol made a significant gesture with it, and his companion pulled and pushed the bishop down the alley and through a ragged broken opening in the fence. The three stood still there in the shadow until the footsteps passed.

"Now, then, have you got the watch?" asked the man with the pistol.

"No; the chain is caught somewhere!" And the other man swore again.

"Break it, then!"

"No; don't break it," the bishop said, and it was the first time he had spoken. "The chain is the gift of a very dear friend. I should be sorry to have it broken."

At the sound of the bishop's voice the man with the pistol started as if he had been suddenly shot by his own weapon. With a quick movement of his other hand he turned the bishop's head toward what little light was shining from the alleyway, at the same time taking a step nearer. Then, to the evident amazement of his companion, he said roughly:

"Leave the watch alone. We've got the money. That's enough."

"Enough! Fifty cents! You don't reckon"—

Before the man with the stake could say another word he was confronted with the muzzle of the pistol, turned from the bishop's head toward his own.

"Leave that watch be and put back the money too. This is the bishop we've held up—the bishop! Do you hear?"

"And what of it? The president of the United States wouldn't be too good to hold up if"—

"I say, you put the money back, or in five minutes I'll blow a hole through your head that'll let in more sense than you have to spare now," said the other.

For a second the man with the stake seemed to hesitate at this strange turn in events, as if measuring his companion's intention. Then he hastily dropped the money back into the bishop's pocket.

"You can take your hands down, sir." The man with the weapon lowered it slowly, still keeping an eye on the other man and speaking with rough respect. The bishop slowly brought his arms to his side and looked earnestly at the two men. In the dim light it was difficult to distinguish features. He was evidently free to go his way now, but he stood there, making no movement.

"You can go on. You needn't stay any longer on our account." The man who had acted as spokesman turned and sat down on a stone. The other man stood viciously digging his stake into the ground.

"That's just what I'm staying for," replied the bishop. He sat down on a board that projected from the broken fence.

"You must like our company. It is hard sometimes for people to tear themselves away from us," the man standing up said, laughing coarsely.

"Shut up!" exclaimed the other. "We're on the road to hell, though; that's sure enough. We need better company than ourselves and the devil."

"If you would only allow me to be of any help"— The bishop spoke gently, even lovingly. The man on the stone stared at the bishop through the darkness. After a moment of silence he spoke slowly, like one who had finally decided upon a course he had at first rejected.

"Do you remember ever seeing me before?"

"No," said the bishop. "The light is not very good, and I have really not had a good look at you."

"Do you know me now?" The man suddenly took off his hat and, getting up from the stone, walked over to the bishop until they were near enough to touch each other.

The man's hair was coal black, except one spot on the top of his head about as large as the palm of the hand, which was white.

The minute the bishop saw that he started. The memory of 15 years ago began to stir in him. The man helped him.

"Don't you remember one day back in '81 or '82 a man came to your house and told a story about his wife and child having been burned to death in a tenement fire in New York?"

"Yes; I begin to recall now," murmured the bishop. The other man seemed to be interested. He ceased digging his stake in the ground and stood still, listening.

"Do you remember how you took me into your own house that night and spent all the next day trying to find me a job and how, when you succeeded in getting me a place in a warehouse as foreman, I promised to quit drinking because you asked me to?"

"I remember it now," the bishop replied gently. "I hope you have kept your promise."

The man laughed savagely. Then he struck his hand against the fence with such sudden passion that he drew blood.

"Kept it! I was drunk inside of a week. I've been drinking ever since, but I've never forgotten you or your prayer. Do you remember, the morning after I came to your house and after breakfast, you had prayers and asked me to come in and sit with the rest? That got me. But my mother used to pray. I can see her now kneeling down by my bed when I was a lad. Father came in one night drunk and kicked her while she was kneeling there by me, but I never forgot that prayer of yours that morning. You prayed for me just as mother used to, and you did not seem to take count of the fact that I was ragged and tough looking and more than half drunk when I rung your doorbell. My God, what a life I've lived! The saloon has housed me and homed me and made hell on earth for me. But that prayer struck to me all the time. My promise not to drink was broken in a thousand pieces inside of two Sundays, and I lost the job you found for me and landed in a police station two days afterward, but I never forgot you or your prayer. I don't know what good it's done me, but I never forgot it, and I won't do any harm to you nor let any one else. So you're free to go. That's why."

The bishop did not stir. Somewhere a church clock struck 1. The man had put on his hat and gone back to his seat on the stone. The bishop was thinking hard.

"How long is it since you had work?" he asked, and the man standing up answered for the other.

"More'n six months since either of us did anything to tell of, unless you count holding up work. I call it pretty wearing kind of a job myself, especially when we put in a night like this one and don't make nothing."

"Suppose I found good jobs for both of you. Would you quit this and begin all over?"

"What's the use?" The man on the stone spoke sullenly. "I've reformed a hundred times. Every time I go down deeper. The devil's begun to forcelose on me already. It's too late."

"No!" said the bishop, and never before the most entranced audience had he felt the desire for souls burn up in him so strongly. All the time he sat there during the remarkable scene he prayed: "O Lord Jesus, give me the souls of these two for thee! I am hungry for them! Give them to me!"

"No!" the bishop repeated. "What does God want of you two men? It doesn't so much matter what I want, but he wants just what I do in this case. You two men are of infinite value to him." And then the bishop's wonderful memory came to his aid in an appeal such as no one else on earth among men could make under such circumstances. He had remembered the man's name in spite of the wonderfully busy years that lay between his coming to the house and the present moment.

"Burns," he said, and he yearned over the men with an unspeakable longing for them both, "if you and your friend here will go home with me tonight I will find you both places of honorable employment. I will believe in you and trust you. You are both comparatively young men. Why should God lose you? It is a great thing to win the love of the great Father. It is a small thing that I should love you, but if you need to feel again that there is love in the world you will believe me when I say, my brothers, that I love you, and in the name of him who was crucified for our sins I cannot bear to see you miss the glory of the human life. Come! Be men! Make another try for it, God helping you. No one but God and you and myself need ever know anything of this tonight. He has forgiven it. The minute you ask him to you will find that true. Come! We'll fight it out together, you two and I. It's worth fighting for. Everlasting life is. It was the sinner that Christ came to help. I'll do what I can for you., O God, give me the souls of these two men!"

The bishop broke into a prayer to God that was a continuation of his appeal to the men. His pent up feeling had no other outlet. Before he had prayed many moments Burns was sitting with his face buried in his hands, sobbing. Where were his mother's prayers now? They were adding to the power of the bishop's. And the other man, harder, less moved, without a previous knowledge of the bishop, leaned back against the fence, stolid at first, but as the prayer went on he was moved by it. What force of the Holy Spirit swept over his dulled, brutal, coarsened life nothing but the eternal records of the recording angel can ever disclose, but that same supernatural presence that smote Paul on the road to Damascus and poured through Henry Maxwell's church the morning he asked disciples to follow in Jesus' steps and had again broken irresistibly over the Nazareth Avenue congregation now manifested himself in this foul corner of the mighty city and over the natures of these two sinful, sunken men, apparently lost to all the pleadings of conscience and memory of God. The bishop's prayer seemed to break open the crust that had for years surrounded these two men and shut them off from divine communication, and they themselves were thoroughly startled by the event.

The bishop ceased, and at first he himself did not realize what had happened. Neither did the two men. Burns still sat with his head bowed between his hands. The man leaning against the fence looked at the bishop with a face in which new emotions of awe, repentance, astonishment and a broken gleam of joy struggled for expression.

The bishop rose.

"Come, my brothers! God is good. You shall stay at the settlement tonight, and I will make good my promise as to the work."

The two men followed the bishop in silence. When they reached the settlement, it was after 2 o'clock. The bishop let them in and led them to a room. At the door he paused a moment. His tall, commanding figure stood in the doorway, and his pale face, worn with his recent experiences, was illuminated with the divine glory.

"God bless you, my brothers!" he said, and, leaving them his benediction, he went away.

In the morning he almost dreaded to face the men, but the impression of the night had not worn away. True to his promise, the bishop secured work for them. The janitor at the settlement needed an assistant, owing to the growth of the work there. So Burns was given the place. The bishop succeeded in getting his companion a position as driver for a firm of warehouse dray manufacturers not far from the settlement.

And the Holy Spirit, struggling in these two darkened, sinful men, began his marvelous work of regeneration.

It was the afternoon following that morning when Burns was installed in his new position as assistant janitor that he was cleaning off the front steps of the settlement when he paused a moment and stood up to look about him.

The first thing he noticed was a beer sign just across the alley. He could almost touch it with his broom from where he stood. Over the street immediately opposite were two large saloons, and a little farther down were three more.

Suddenly the door of the nearest saloon opened, and a man came out. At the same time two more went in. A strong odor of beer floated up to Burns as he stood on the steps of the settlement. He clutched his broom handle tight and began to sweep again. He had one foot on the porch and another on the step just below. He took another step down, still sweeping. The sweat stood out on his forehead, although the day was frosty and the air chill. The saloon door opened again, and three or four men came out. A child went in with a pail and came out a moment later with a quart of beer. The child went by on the sidewalk just below him, and the odor of the beer came up to him. He took another step down, still sweeping desperately. His fingers were purple as he clutched the handle of the broom.

Then suddenly he pulled himself up one step and swept over the spot he had just cleaned. He then dragged himself by a tremendous effort back to the floor of the porch and went over into the corner of it farthest from the saloon and began to sweep there. "O God," he cried, "if the bishop would only come back!" The bishop had gone out with Dr. Bruce somewhere, and there was no one about the settlement that he knew.

He swept in the corner for two or three minutes. His face was drawn with the agony of the conflict. Gradually he edged out again toward the steps and began to go down them. He looked toward the sidewalk and saw that he had left one step unswept. The sight seemed to give him a reasonable excuse for going down there to finish his sweeping. He was on the sidewalk now, sweeping the last step, with his face toward the settlement and his back turned partly on the saloon across the alley. He swept the step a dozen times. The sweat rolled over his face and dropped down at his feet. By degrees he felt that he was drawn over toward that end of the step nearest the saloon. He could smell the beer and rum now as the fumes rose around him. It was like the infernal sulphur of the lowest hell, and yet it dragged him, as by a giant's hand, nearer its source.

He was down in the middle of the sidewalk now, still sweeping. He cleared the space in front of the settlement and even went out into the gutter and swept that. He took off his hat and rubbed his sleeve over his face. His lips were palid, and his teeth chattered. He trembled all over like a palsied man and staggered back and forth, as if he were already drunk. His soul shook within him.

He had crossed over the little piece of stone flagging that measured the width of the alley, and now he stood in front of the saloon, looking at the sign and staring into the window at the pile of whisky and beer bottles arranged in a great pyramid inside. He moistened his lips with his tongue and took a step forward, looking around him stealthily. The door suddenly opened again, and some one came out. Again the hot, penetrating smell of the liquor swept out into the cold air, and he took another step toward the saloon door, which had shut behind the customer. As he laid his fingers on the door handle a tall figure came around the corner. It was the bishop.

He seized Burns by the arm and dragged him back upon the sidewalk. The frenzied man, now mad for drink, shrieked out a curse and struck at the bishop savagely. It is doubtful if he really knew at first who was snatching him away from his ruin. The blow fell upon the bishop's face and cut a gash in his cheek.

He never uttered a word, but over his face a look of majestic sorrow swept. He picked Burns up as if he had been a child and actually carried him up the steps into the settlement. He placed him down in the hall and then shut the door and put his back against it.

Burns fell on his knees, sobbing and praying. The bishop stood there, panting with his exertion, although Burns was a slight built man and had not been a great weight for one of the bishop's strength to carry. The bishop was moved with unspeakable pity.

"Pray, Burns—pray as you never prayed before! Nothing else will save you!"

"O God! Pray with me! Save me! Oh, save me from my hell!" cried Burns, and the bishop kneeled by him in the hall and prayed as only he could.

After that they arose, and Burns went into his room. He came out of it that evening like a humble child, and the bishop went his way, older from that experience, bearing on his body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Truly he was learning something of what it means to walk in his steps.

But the saloon! It stood there, and all the others lined the street like so many traps set for Burns. How long would the man be able to resist the smell of the damnable stuff? The bishop was out on the porch. The air of the whole city seemed to be impreguated with the odor of beer. "How long, O God, how long?" the bishop prayed.

Dr. Bruce came out, and the two friends talked over Burns and his temptation.

"Did you ever make any inquiries about the ownership of this property adjoining us?" the bishop asked.

"No; I haven't taken time for it. I will now if you think it would be worth while. But what can we do, Edward, against the saloon in this great city? It is as firmly established as the churches or politics. What power can ever remove it?"

"God will do it in time, as he removed slavery," replied the bishop gravely. "Meanwhile I think we have a right to know who controls this saloon so near the settlement."

"I'll find out," said Dr. Bruce.

Two days later he walked into the business office of one of the members of Nazareth Avenue church and asked to see him a few moments. He was cordially received by his old parishioner, who welcomed him into his room and urged him to take all the time he wanted.

"I called to see you about that property next to the settlement, where the bishop and myself now are, you know. I am going to speak plainly, because life is too short and too serious for us both to have any foolish hesitation about this matter. Clayton, do you think it is right to rent that property for a saloon?"

Dr. Bruce's question was as direct and uncompromising as he had meant it to be. The effect of it on his old parishioner was instantaneous.

The hot blood mounted to the face of the man who sat there, a picture of business activity in a great city. Then he grew pale, dropped his head on his hands, and when he raised it again Dr. Bruce was amazed to see a tear roll over his parishioner's face.

"Doctor, did you know that I took the pledge that morning with the others?"

"Yes, I remember."

"But you never knew how I have been tormented over my failure to keep it in this instance. That saloon property has been the temptation of the devil to me. It is the best paying investment at present that I have, and yet it was only a minute before you came in here that I was in an agony of remorse to think how I was letting a little earthly gain tempt me into denial of the very Christ I had promised to follow. I know well enough that he would never rent property for such a purpose. There is no need, dear doctor, for you to say a word more." Clayton held out his hand, and Dr. Bruce grasped it and shook it hard. After a little he went away, but it was a long time afterward that he learned all the truth about the struggle that Clayton had known. It was only a part of the history that belonged to Nazareth Avenue church since that memorable morning when the Holy Spirit sanctioned the Christlike pledge. Not even the bishop and Dr. Bruce, moving as they now did in the very presence itself of divine impulses, knew yet that over the whole sinful city the Spirit was brooding with mighty eagerness, waiting for the disciples to arise to the call of sacrifice and suffering, touching hearts long dull and cold, making business men and money makers uneasy in their absorption by the one great struggle for more wealth and stirring through the church as never in all the city's history the church had been moved. The bishop and Dr. Bruce had already seen some wonderful things in their brief life at the settlement. They were to see far greater soon, more astonishing revelations of the Divine power than they had supposed possible in this age of the world.

Within a month the saloon next the settlement was closed. The saloon keeper's lease had expired, and Clayton not only closed the property to the whisky men, but offered the use of the building to the bishop and Dr. Bruce for the settlement work, which had now grown so large that the building was not sufficient for the different industries that were planned. One of the most important of these was the pure food department suggested by Felicia. It was not a month after Clayton turned the saloon property over to the settlement that Felicia found herself installed in the very room where souls had been lost as head of a department not only of cooking, but of a course of housekeeping for girls who wished to go out to service. She was now a resident of the settlement and found a home with Mrs. Bruce and the other young women from the city who were residents. Martha, the violinist, remained at the place where the bishop had first discovered the two girls and came over to the settlement certain evenings to give lessons in music.

"Felicia, tell us your plan in full now," said the bishop one evening when, in a rare interval of rest from the great pressure of work, he, with Dr. Bruce and Felicia, had come in from the other building.

"Well, I have long thought of the hired girl problem," said Felicia, with an air of wisdom that made Mrs. Bruce smile as she looked at the enthusiastic, vital beauty of this young girl, transformed into a new creature by the promise she had made to live the Christlike life, "and I have reached certain conclusions in regard to it that you men are not yet able to fathom, but Mrs. Bruce here will understand me."

"We acknowledge our infancy, Felicia. Go on," said the bishop humbly.

"Then this is what I propose to do: The old saloon building is large enough to arrange into a suit of rooms that will represent an ordinary house. My plan is to have it so arranged and then teach housekeeping and cooking to girls who will afterward go out to service. The course will be six months long. In that time I will teach plain cooking, neatness, quickness and a love of good work."

"Hold on, Felicia!" the bishop interrupted. "This is not an age of miracles."

"Then I will make it one," replied Felicia. "I know this seems like an impossibility, but I want to try it. I know a score of girls already who will take the course, and if we can once establish something like an esprit de corps among the girls themselves I am sure it will be of great value to them. I know already that the pure food is working a revolution in many families."

"Felicia, if you can accomplish half of what you propose to do, it will bless this whole community," said Mrs. Bruce. "I don't see how you can do it, but I say 'God bless you!' as you try."

"So say we all!" cried Dr. Bruce and the bishop, and Felicia plunged into the working out of her plan with the enthusiasm of her discipleship, which every day grew more and more practical and serviceable.

It must be said here that Felicia's plan succeeded beyond all expectations. She developed wonderful powers of persuasion and taught her girls with astonishing rapidity to do all sorts of housework. In time the graduates of Felicia's cooking school came to be prized by housekeepers all over the city. But that is anticipating our story. The history of the settlement has never yet been written. When it is, Felicia's part will be found of very great importance.

The depth of winter found Chicago presenting, as every great city of the world presents, to the eyes of Christendom that marked contrast between riches and poverty, between culture, refinement, luxury, ease and ignorance, depravity, destitution and the bitter struggle for bread. It was a hard winter, but a gay winter. Never had there been such a succession of parties, receptions, balls, dinners, banquets, fetes, gayeties; never had the opera and the theater been so crowded with fashionable audiences; never had there been such a lavish display of jewels and fine dresses and equipages, and, on the other hand, never had the deep want and suffering been so cruel, so sharp, so murderous; never had the winds blown so chilling over the lake and through the thin shells of tenements in the neighborhood of the settlement; never had the pressure for food and fuel and clothes been so urgently thrust up against the people of the city in their most importunate and ghastly form.

Night after night the bishop and Dr. Bruce, with their helpers, went out and helped to save men and women and children from the torture of physical privation. Vast quantities of food and clothing and large sums of money were donated by the churches, the charitable societies, the civic authorities and the benevolent associations, but the personal touch of the Christian disciple was very hard to secure for personal work. Where was the discipleship that was obeying the Master's command to go itself to the suffering and give itself with its gift, in order to make the gift of value in time to come? The bishop found his heart sink within him as he faced this fact more than any other. Men would give money who would not think of giving themselves, and the money they gave did not represent any real sacrifice because they did not miss it. They gave what was the easiest to give, what hurt them the least. Where did the sacrifice come in? Was this following Jesus? Was this going with him all the way? He had been to many members of his own wealthy and aristocratic congregation and was appalled to find how few men and women of that luxurious class in the churches would really suffer any genuine inconvenience for the sake of suffering humanity.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON VII, FIRST QUARTER, INTERNATIONAL SERIES, FEB. 18.

Text of the Lesson, John iv, 5-26. Memory Verses, 11-14—Golden Text, John iv, 24—Commentary Prepared by the Rev. D. M. Stearns.

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5-9. "Jesus saith unto her, Give Me to drink." This is the first recorded utterance of our Lord on this occasion. John seems to give the consecutive story of this part of our Lord's life from chapter i, 19, to iv, 54. He is now on His way from Judaea to Galilee, and, passing through Samaria, He stops to rest at Jacob's well. What the need was for Him to go this way we do not know, unless it was to accomplish just that which He did accomplish, or it may simply mean that in going north on the west of Jordan there was no other way than through Samaria, as any one can see by the map. The sixth hour must have been 6 a. m. or 6 p. m., as we saw two lessons back by comparing chapter xix, 14, and not noon as some suppose. That Jesus was weary and thirsty speaks to us of His true humanity. As our High Priest He can be touched with a feeling of our infirmities, for in His mortal body He was compassed with infirmity (Heb. iv, 15; v, 2). He was without sin, but He was often weak and weary, hungry and thirty. He who created all things made Himself dependent upon the ministry of others, and just at this time His disciples had gone to the city to buy meat.

10-12. Here we have Jesus' second saying and the woman's reply. He speaks of the gift of God and living water and desires her to know Him that she may ask and receive. She thinks only of the water in Jacob's well and of Jacob who gave the well, for she is only a natural woman, as Nicodemus was only a natural man, and she understands not spiritual things. His "If thou knewest" makes us think of His words as He wept over Jerusalem, "If thou hadst known" (Luke xix, 42), and His lament through the prophets, "Israel doth not know," "My people know not" (Isa. i, 3; Jer. viii, 7). His "Gift of God" makes us remember II Cor. ix, 15; Rom. vi, 23. The living water takes us back to Jer. ii, 13; xvii, 13; Ezek. xlvii, 1; ix, 12.

13-15. This is the third word from our Lord and from the woman. He will interest her in the living water and tells her more about it, contrasting it with the water from Jacob's well—water that will cause one never to thirst again and be a well within one ever springing up. She had never heard of water or a well like this. It is no wonder that she said: Sir, give me this water. What do you know of this artesian well of water of life? Are you ever seeking something to satisfy, looking here or there for some new thing, a new friend, a new book, a letter from some one, a visit, anything under the sun to engage your attention and occupy your mind and fill up your time? Then you have yet to learn of the living water and the well within. It is Himself, the Fountain, the source of all life and joy and peace, the sum and substance of all true happiness.

16, 17. The fourth word from each. He has interested her in the living water and led her to desire it, but now she must see herself a sinner. He will show her herself that she may desire Him and the life which He gives. He came not to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance, and sinners must know that they are such before they will accept the Saviour.

18-20. The fifth word from each—deepening her conviction of self and sin and opening her eyes to see that she was talking to no ordinary man, but to one who knew her well and saw all the inwardness of her life. Acknowledging that He is a prophet or seer, she tries to evade his searching words by some words about the difference between Samaritan and Jewish worship, or as is sometimes said today when unwelcome truth begins to take hold: "Well, I do not belong to your church. You believe different from us."

21, 22. This is part of the Saviour's sixth and longest word to her. It is not the place of worship that we are to consider, but the person whom we worship, as we shall see more clearly presently. Samaria is nothing, Jerusalem and the temple are nothing, but God, the God of Israel, the only living and true God, He is all.

23, 24. This is still our Lord's sixth word. He has made her interested in the living water, He has shown her her sinfulness and her need, and now He reveals more fully the Father and how to worship Him. He has said that it is not the place, but the person, that is everything, and now He says that it is not the form of worship, but the heart that is in it, that counts. He had said through Isaiah long before, This people draw near me with their mouth, but have removed their heart far from me (Isa. xxix, 13); and through Ezekiel He said, With their mouth they show much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness (Ezek. xxxiii, 31).

25. The woman's sixth word is: "I know that Messiah cometh, who is called Christ. When He is come, He will tell us all things." Thus her thoughts have been turned, like all the rest of whom we have thus far read in John's gospel, to Him of whom Moses in the law and the prophets did write. Perhaps she expected to hear something of Him. A change is evidently being wrought in her as the conversation proceeds. The Spirit is moving as the word is spoken, and the work is being done in her heart.

26. "Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am He." The word "He" is in italics, so it is not in the Greek. The Lord said, "I am." It is the great name of Ex. iii, 14. She has seen Him, she has heard Him, she receives Him as the Messiah, the Christ; she has become a child of God (John i, 12); her sins are forgiven (I John ii, 12). She leaves her waterpot, returns to the city and proclaims that she has found the Christ. Many believed her testimony. They came to Him and heard Him themselves. They besought Him to stay with them, and He abode two days, and many more believed because of His own word. There was great joy in that city, as there was also afterward when Philip preached Christ to them (Acts viii, 5-8). The woman seemed to forget all about Jacob's well and all else and to be wholly occupied with Him. Thus she became a well of living water. When the disciples asked Him to eat, after the woman had left, His testimony was that He had meat to eat that they knew not of, and He added, "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me and to finish His work" (verse 34). May we be so occupied with Him that, like the woman, we shall bear good testimony!

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One day in 1869 he and a party of officers from Fort Hays were returning from a wild turkey hunt in the canyons of the Saline. The wind was blowing a hurricane, and when a stop was made on the high prairie some ten miles north of Hays this officer deliberately touched a match to the dry, crisp grass in order to make a spectacle. When the other officers saw what he was about to do, they made a desperate effort to stop him, but the deed had been done, and the red flames were reeling across the prairie like a frightened antelope. That fire swept from where it had been started clear across Kansas into what is now Oklahoma. The streams and roads offered no obstacles to it whatever. While going south it had also turned to the east and left a trail of ruin across Rice, Reno, Kingman, Harper and other counties. Thousands of settlers were burned out, losing their houses and their feed, their horses and cattle.

If the man who set that fire had been known to the settlers, all the troops on the plains would not have been enough to stay their vengeance. As it was, he suffered remorse beyond description. When the officers at Hays would bring him papers, telling of the damage done, he would groan and curse himself roundly. He left Hays for some other post in the following year, and, so far as we know, his name was never connected with the gigantic prairie fire of 1869.—Kansas City Journal.

A Genius.

"Whew!" remarked the head of the firm after he had listened to the report of the chief collector. "Who can the rascal be? And all these people say that they have paid and hold a receipt?"

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Half an hour later the head of the firm and the detective were closeted together.

"Can you find him?" asked the former.

"Sure! I'm satisfied now that I know who he is, and I'll have him inside the bars before morning."

"Who's hiring you and who's going to pay for your services?"

"You, of course."

"Then I'll do my own planning. If that fellow won't take $150 a month to work for me, offer him $200. He has the kind of talent I'm looking for."—Detroit Free Press.

Had It All Fixed.

The Youth's Companion says that the descendant of a New England Puritan divine has in his possession an old sermon written by his ancestor which shows that the preacher did not trust entirely to the impulse of the moment when delivering his discourses. The manuscript is written in a strange, crabbed hand and plentifully besprinkled with marginal references. "Read slowly here," the minister admonishes himself in one spot, and "to be given out very loud and clear" is the suggestion for another passage. "Hurry a little, with fire," he wrote in several places. The most emphatic and important part of the whole sermon is indicated by a much underlined marginal note.

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Baltimore	4.10	9.15	12.05	1.46	14.20	7 55
Wilmington	8.13	11.04	2.35	4.27	6.08	12 11
Farnhurst	f 8.22		f 2.44		7.07	
New Castle	8.27		2.49	4.39	7.12	
State Road	f8.33		f 2.54		7.17	
Bear	f8.38		f 2.59	f 4.48	7.22	
Porter	8.45		f 3.04	4.52	7.28	
Kirkwood	8.50		f 3.09		7.33	
Mt. Pleasant	8.59		f 3.17		f 7.41	
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Middletown	9.08	11.50	3.26	5.18	7.51	12.54
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Dover	9.58	12.23	4.14	5.59	8.27	1.31
Wyoming	10.05	f12.29	4.20	6.05	8.33	1.39
Woodside	f10.11			f 6.11	f8.39	
Viola	f10.15			f 6.15	f8.44	
Felton	10.20	f12.40		6.20	8.50	a 1.53
Harrington	10 34	12.53		6.33	9.10	2.05
Farmington	f10.42			f 6.41	f9.18	
Greenwood	f10.50	f 1.08		f 6.49	f9.26	
Bridgeville	10.58	f 1.16		6.57	9.34	a 2.29
Cannons	f11.03			f 7.02	f9.39	
Seaford	11.13	1.27		7.11	9.48	2.41
Laurel	11.23	f 1.37		7.21	9.58	a 2.51
Delmar	11.33	1.46		7.30	10.08	3.0

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Seaford	1.34		7.23	8.24	2.35	3.56
Cannons			f 7.31	8.31		f 4.04
Bridgeville	f 1.48		7.37	8.37	f 2.46	4.11
Greenwood			f7.45	f 8.45	f 2.54	f 4.19
Farmington			f 7.53	f 8.53		f 4.27
Harrington	2.22		8.05	9.06	3.08	4.40
Felton	f 2.33		8.14